

Guard Cutter *Citrus* in Coos Bay, OR; Chief of the Maritime Law Enforcement School at the Coast Guard's Training Center in Petaluma, CA; Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter *Anacapa* in Petersburg, Alaska; Program Reviewer in the Programs Division of the Office of the Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC; Commander of Coast Guard Group Ohio Valley in Louisville, Kentucky; and Executive Assistant to the Atlantic Area Commander in Portsmouth, VA. His most recent assignment was as Deputy Chief, Office of Programs and Chief, Programs Review Division in the Office of the Chief of Staff at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Captain Springer's military decorations include three Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and a Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

Beyond it all, I have always been struck by Captain Springer's down-to-earth "just the facts" approach. He is simply a good guy who wants to get it right; and I, for one, am grateful for that.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me in thanking Captain Curtis A. Springer for all he has accomplished in Sector Baltimore, and to wish him the best of luck in his next assignment.

REMEMBRANCE OF JEFFREY JARNELL JOHNSON, JR.: A LIFE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, CARING AND PROMISE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Jeffrey Johnson was a strong and gifted young man. I recognized it, and my staff recognized it, when he served as a high school intern in my Congressional office. His teachers also recognized his abilities, as did his coaches, and even college administrators at institutions he never attended. He was a bright and shining young man with talent, direction and purpose, and he had unlimited potential.

When Jeffrey put his mind to something, and focused his energy on it, he would overcome any obstacle to achieve it. Today, Thursday, May 25th, Jeffrey would have graduated Summa Cum Laude, and received the Miami-Dade County School Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction, from Carol City Sr. High School. He was imbued with intelligence, as evidenced by his grade point average, which landed him a Bright Futures full academic scholarship to St. Thomas University in Miami, where he looked forward to studying law.

I truly believe that Jeffrey would have become a leader in our community and perhaps even in our country, a person of consequence, a role model for others, and a force in the world for good.

Sadly, however, this strong, gifted, 17-year-old young man was tragically and senselessly killed in a shooting early Sunday, May 21, 2006. Our entire Dade County community is consumed in grief and sorrow because of his passing. His funeral services will be held Saturday, May 27th, at the New Birth Baptist

Church Cathedral of Faith in Miami, Florida. The heart of every caring person aches because of the burden that now must be borne by his father, Jeffrey Sr., his mother, Brenda, and his beloved sister, Jarrika. The magnitude of their loss is truly beyond understanding.

I had the distinct honor and special privilege to have this young man serve as an intern in my office, where he epitomized standards of excellence and personal warmth in responding to the needs and concerns of my constituents. Many of them recall Jeffrey as the young intern who greeted them with utmost respect and empathy. He easily stood as a model student, defined by his quiet but dignified demeanor. His exemplary conduct and his study ethic garnered him the unique distinction that served as an example to all students seeking to prepare themselves as the leaders of tomorrow through the power of the educated mind and the sensitivity of a caring heart.

Jeffrey was a very special young man, and we are fortunate to have known him and are grateful for the gifts he left with us. Every person of goodwill is moved by his extraordinary life and the tragedy of his premature passing. I pray that his family will somehow be comforted by the fact that Jeffrey graced our lives, that he touched the lives of so many people during his all-too-brief time on this earth, and that we will never forget him.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Chairman, on Rollcall 198, I inadvertently voted against the amendment offered by my colleague Rep. ROSA DELAUNO to restore \$25 million to the Department of Energy's State Energy Program. I had intended to vote yes because the State Energy Program is effective and important program that provides vital funds to 55 State Energy Offices around the country.

While energy prices continue to escalate, State Energy Offices are one of the few on the ground resources to increase energy efficiency for consumers, educate the public on ways of reducing energy use, and monitor the price and supply situation.

That's why I was puzzled and disappointed that the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee effectively terminated the State Energy Program, SEP, in its FY07 bill.

In many of the States, the impact will be devastating. For States without other dedicated sources of revenue, State energy services will be terminated. Many legislatures have already adjourned for the year and will not have an opportunity to attempt to step into the breach. Destroying the State Energy Offices at the very time that energy costs are hovering at record highs, many oil producing nations are unstable, and supplies are tight makes no sense.

It was just last year that this body voted to authorize \$100 million for the SEP in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In his FY07 budget request, the President asked for \$49.5 million for the SEP, restoring a 20 percent cut from last year. So I find it troubling that the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee voted in contradiction both to the Administration's proposal and the recently adopted energy policy of Congress.

SEP has a proven record of reducing energy consumption for residential consumers, as well as schools, hospitals, small businesses and agriculture, and has funded a variety of important programs in Colorado.

Restoration of SEP funding will have an immediate effect on reducing demand for energy, allowing us to leverage specific investments in a variety of energy efficiency projects in all types of buildings. In addition, SEP funding will permit us to expand aggressive public information efforts, convincing consumers and businesses alike to increase their use of energy efficient products, add insulation to their homes, utilize hybrid or ethanol-fueled vehicles, etc. Studies have shown that for every Federal dollar invested in this program, over \$7 is saved in direct energy costs.

I am pleased that the DeLauro amendment passed the House, and I regret that the final vote tally does not reflect my strong support for the State Energy Program.

TRIBUTE TO DORETHA ADAMS

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful educator who has devoted her career to giving our young children a literal head start in life. Mrs. Doretha Adams is retiring after more than 35 years of teaching, and I join with those celebrating her extraordinary career.

Mrs. Adams knew when she attended college in Columbia, SC. that children were going to be an important part of her future. She graduated from Allen University in 1965 with a bachelor of science degree majoring in science and minoring in physical education. She also earned a therapeutic recreation degree from Benedict College along with a child development certification. She continued her education at the University of Georgia and South Carolina State University where she completed a master's degree in early childhood education.

Mrs. Adams's career in education began in 1965 at Central High School in Amherst, VA, where she taught science and physical education. She also found time to coach the Girls Varsity basketball team for 3 years.

However in 1969, she returned to Columbia, SC, and served as a substitute teacher in Richland School District One. As a parent, Mrs. Adams found a new career when she enrolled her first child at Ridgewood Headstart Center in 1972 and became a volunteer and the PTA president. Her enthusiasm for the Headstart program was evident, and the following year she was offered a position as a Headstart teacher with the Midland Community Action Agency, which later became the Midland Human Resource Development Commission. There she flourished in the classroom

as she helped prepare young children for the rigors of school and helped mold their characters.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Adams has had a passion for writing. She is well known for her love of poems, many of which have been published. She also shares her poems with family and friends for funerals, class reunions, and family reunions. Currently she is working on a book about her mother's life, which she hopes to have published.

This love of writing led Mrs. Adams to explore another area of teaching and in 1987 she took over the Richland School District One Writing Lab at Eau Claire High School. For 5 years, she enjoyed sharing her love of writing with students; however, the tug of young children soon pulled her back to her roots in the Headstart program.

In 1992, Mrs. Adams became the center coordinator/teacher at the Lexington Headstart Center. She remained in that capacity until earlier this month when she officially retired after an amazing career in education.

Throughout her career, Doretha Adams has enjoyed the support of her family, husband George N. Adams and their three children. Today she has four grandsons and a great grandson.

She has also been guided through life by her faith. Mrs. Adams has been a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church for more than 50 years and serves on the Senior Missionary Society. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Ladies Auxiliary Club at the VFW Post 4262.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Doretha Adams for her dedication to and love for education. She has been a wonderful role model and good influence on countless young lives, and I offer her best wishes and God speed upon her retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TOWN OF MONMOUTH BEACH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the town of Monmouth Beach.

Monmouth Beach is a town in my district that lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Shrewsbury River. Monmouth Beach was originally part of Shrewsbury Township, which was formed in October 1693. The borough became part of Ocean Township in 1849. While the town remains mostly residential, it has a tourism industry that dates back as early as 1842.

One of the oldest and most unique buildings in town, the Church of Precious Blood, is a unique Monmouth Beach landmark. This 110-year-old structure was built by local shipbuilders to resemble an upside-down ship.

The town once included the flourishing Galilee fishing community. Fishermen in the community sold most of their catches to merchants at New York City's historic Fulton Fish Market. At one time, this community and the surrounding area housed the largest pound boat fishing industry along the U.S. coast.

This beautiful shore community was incorporated on March 9, 1906, when it seceded from Ocean Township. Monmouth Beach is a small town, encompassing only one square mile, but it offers beautiful white sand beaches and friendly year round residents as part of its charm. The town's beaches offer some of the best fishing opportunities in the country.

Monmouth Beach began its centennial celebration on May 19, 2006 and residents will continue to celebrate this special event throughout the year. The celebration includes an exhibit of historical artifacts from the town of Monmouth Beach and original artwork from the many talented artists who reside in Monmouth Beach. On May 21, 2006, the Monmouth Beach Police Department also celebrated its 100th birthday. I commend this fine institution for its service to the community of Monmouth Beach.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the citizens of Monmouth Beach and join with them in celebrating the centennial. Therefore, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of Monmouth Beach.

HONORING CAPTAIN BRIAN D. KELLY

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Captain Brian D. Kelly, chief of the Office of Command and Control in the Operations Directorate at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters. Over the years, Captain Kelly has served his country to the best of his ability and deserves recognition for his leadership.

Captain Kelly started his career with a solid foundation. He attended two fine institutions, which provided him with the proper education, training, and skills he would later need to succeed in the United States Coast Guard. With a B.S. in government, he graduated in 1982 from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Several years later, he attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School where he earned an M.S. in management. The formal training he received certainly played an integral role in Captain Kelly's success.

In his current role in the Office of Command and Control, Captain Kelly was charged with the task of running the Coast Guard's Command Center, as well as the National Response Center. His contributions to this department have been exceptional. Everyday he works with his team to protect and serve the citizens of the United States.

The post 9-11 world we live in has changed the way our servicemen and women work to protect America. A top priority has been to ensure our Coast Guard has the proper training they need to protect this great Nation. In 2002-2003 Captain Kelly served as a Federal Executive Fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Through this program, Captain Kelly worked on a number of initiatives which included Iraqi post-conflict reconstruction; national security simulation exercises; Smart Border North; and the CSIS Military Strategy. The knowledge he gained through these programs greatly impacted the way he executed future directives.

The Coast Guard is an extremely well run and managed Federal agency. These are the people who ensure our ports and waterways are secure. They also spearhead any water emergency efforts. In addition, the Coast Guard was instrumental in the Katrina relief effort; lives were saved because of their professionalism, perseverance and courage. It is such a great agency because of leaders like CPT Brian D. Kelly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor CPT Brian D. Kelly. He is a remarkable leader and has served his country well. I look forward to working with him in the future. Welcome to Sector Baltimore, Captain.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL M. ADLER, PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael M. Adler, who today concludes his two-year term as President of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, marking 30 years of dedicated service to the Federation and the community.

Michael Adler's connection to Miami is strong, and for him, community involvement is a family affair. He has the distinction of being Federation's only second-generation president, following in the footsteps of his father, the late Samuel I. Adler, who held the position from 1984 to 1986. For two years prior to being elected President of Federation, Michael served as the General Campaign Chair for the Federation/United Jewish Appeal Campaign, which raises more than \$22 million annually for much-needed services in Miami, Israel and in almost 60 countries around the world.

Michael has also served on and chaired numerous committees as part of his service to Federation. Along with his wife, Judy, he was a founding member of the Young Adults Division, chairing it from 1975 to 1977, and was later Chairman of the National Young Leadership Cabinet. In addition to his Federation activities, he has also served as President of Temple Emanu-el on Miami Beach from 1995 to 1998. Over the years Michael has received many awards and honors for his involvement, including the UJA's Herbert H. Lehman Award for Distinguished Service, and the Federation's prestigious Stanley C. Myers Presidents' Leadership Award.

His successes extend far beyond his activities in the Jewish community. He is Chairman and CEO of the Adler Group, one of South Florida's largest and most successful real estate companies, and he has been involved with several successful business ventures in Israel, working closely with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon when Sharon served as Israel's Housing Minister, to oversee the construction of new homes for immigrant families.

Michael is also active in the political community, founding NACPAC, a local pro-Israel action committee. He now serves as Chair of the Jewish Democratic Council's Political Action Committee, and is very active in the Democratic Party.

Our entire community owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Michael Adler for all that